

## **Sgt Gerald DuRousseau – Statement of Rebuttal for 6105, 20191216**

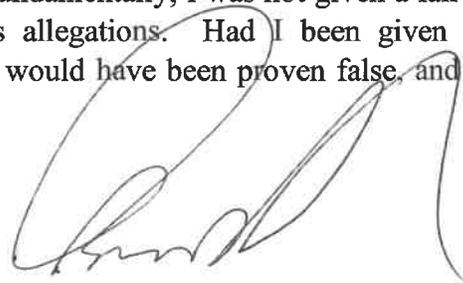
I, Sergeant Gerald DuRousseau, deny any allegations of wrongdoing made against me by my ex-girlfriend, Emily Bone. I was informed by my Chain of Command in late November of 2019 that Ms. Bone had made allegations of wrongdoing against me to NCIS. My Chain of Command never disclosed the allegations to me, and I was asked to volunteer evidence in the face of a general and unspecified allegations of wrongdoing. Without being informed of the allegations against me, I had no way of providing pertinent information. As such, on December 4, 2019, I signed my Article 31 rights to legal representation and against self-incrimination. Prior to that, on November 26, 2019, my civilian attorney sent a letter to my Chain of Command stating that:

1. I deny any allegations of wrongdoing or misconduct by Ms. Bone;
2. Ms. Bone and I were involved in ongoing civil litigation;
3. I would cooperate fully with any Command investigation; and
4. Any alleged incidents by Ms. Bone would have occurred while I was not on drilling orders

After this, I received no further inquiries about this matter from my Chain of Command until December 12, 2019, when I was informed that I was receiving a Punitive 6105, and that Ms. Bone was being granted a Military Protective Order against me. Even at this juncture, I was still not informed of the allegations that Ms. Bone had made against me, but only that my Chain of Command was persuaded by her evidence, and determined that the issuance of a 6105 and Military Protective Order was appropriate.

I was never informed of any specific allegations or evidence against me, and never had an opportunity to review or scrutinize such evidence. Pursuant to the advice of counsel, I declined to provide information or documents in response to general and unspecified allegations of wrongdoing. I never received any follow-up questions or inquiries from my Chain of Command, and never had an opportunity to defend myself against the allegations presented. Had I been given the opportunity to defend myself against Ms. Bone's accusations, I could have provided proof that she had previously fabricated evidence and provided false testimony in order to, in her words, "punish" me and that her allegations of wrongdoing are a continuation of her dishonest and malicious behavior.

Outside of the Marine Corps, Ms. Bone and I are involved in ongoing civil litigation proceedings. We both hold Protective Orders against each other, and there are currently separate civil court cases pending in the General District Court and Circuit Court of Arlington County, Virginia. These matters remain unresolved and are being handled in the civilian courts in due course. I believe Ms. Bone brought them to the attention of the Marine Corps for the sole purpose of defaming me in the eyes of the Marine Corps. Fundamentally, I was not given a fair and just opportunity to defend myself against Ms. Bone's allegations. Had I been given such an opportunity, I believe that my accuser's allegations would have been proven false, and that my innocence would have been vindicated.



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